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**ESPRIT
ORCHESTRA**

2010-2011
Concert Season

ALEX PAUK

Music Director
and Conductor

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CARRIED AWAY

DREAM RAINBOW, DREAM THUNDER

Sunday, October 17, 2010

OBSSESSIONS

Sunday, November 21, 2010

THE RIVER

Sunday, January 30, 2011

MUSICAL OFFERINGS

Sunday, May 15, 2011

All concerts 8:00 pm (7:15 pm pre-concert talks)

Koerner Hall at the Royal Conservatory
in the TELUS Centre for
Performance and Learning
(273 Bloor St. West)

Tickets: 416.408.0208
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Music Director's message

Koerner Hall, with its fabulous acoustics and comfortable, appealing architecture, is perfectly suited to Esprit and our audiences. Taking advantage of this in programming our 28th season, I've composed concerts revealing the rich, dynamic trends in contemporary orchestral music world-wide.

Dazzling, profound performances can be expected from our exceptional guest artists including baritone Russell Braun, The Elmer Iseler Singers, Marie Bérard (concert master of the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra), Teng Li (principal viola of the TSO) and saxophonist extraordinaire Wallace Halladay.

Colin McPhee's *Nocturne* will enhance a charming film on Balinese life by Rhombus Media's Larry Weinstein and Esprit will play the piece a second time to a special dance by dancer/choreographer Peter Chin. In November a film/slide/video show parallels the music of our concert, all of which relates to visual art.

Many more delights fill our season's lineup so I'm inviting you to share our enthusiasm and pleasure as we present vital and meaningful repertoire that will resonate with you long after you've left the concert hall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Pauk".

ALEX PAUK

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DREAM RAINBOW
DREAM
THUNDER

ALEX PAUK
conductor

WALLACE HALLADAY
saxophones

PETER CHIN
dancer/
choreographer

LARRY WEINSTEIN
film maker

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010

8:00 pm Concert 7:15 pm Pre-concert talk
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Programme:

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| R. MURRAY SCHAFER | Dream Rainbow, Dream Thunder |
| COLIN MCPHEE | Nocturne |
| SCOTT GOOD | Babbitt (concerto for saxophones and orchestra) |
| THOMAS ADÈS | Asyla |
| CHARLES IVES | Central Park in the Dark |

This programme contrasts the vibrant rhythms of Good's jazz-inflected music with the luminous, gentle Balinese pulsations of McPhee's *Nocturne* (enhanced with dance and film) and the atmospheric and at times turbulent musical dreams of Schafer. Ives' evocation of Central Park at night literally transports the listener to another world. Adès covers a vast emotional spectrum using fragile, crystalline textures, lyrical melodies and massive, highly charged cascades of sound.



OBSSESSIONS

ALEX PAUK
conductor

RUSSELL BRAUN
baritone

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2010

8:00 pm Concert 7:15 pm Pre-concert talk
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Programme:

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| GUNTHER SCHULLER | Seven Studies on Themes of Paul Klee |
| JOHN REA | Hommage à Vasarely |
| ALEXINA LOUIE | Obsessions (for baritone and orchestra) 1.Monet 2.van Gogh |
| HARRY FREEDMAN | Town |

A moving letter of van Gogh to his brother Theo and instructions from Monet to his gardener about the planting of his gardens at Giverny, are set to music in a concert that also offers parallel musical conceptions (accompanied by film and video projections) of paintings by Klee, Vasarely and Town.



THE **RIVER**

ALEX PAUK
conductor

TENG LI
viola

ELMER ISELER SINGERS

LYDIA ADAMS
conductor

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2011

8:00 pm Concert 7:15 pm Pre-concert talk
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Programme:

GYÖRGY LIGETI
DOUGLAS SCHMIDT
JOSÉ EVANGELISTA
GIYA KANCHELI

Lux aeterna
Discouraged Passion
Symphonie minute
Styx (for viola, choir and orchestra)

Both shores of the River Styx are conveyed through works that carry humorous, joyous musical outbursts as well as profound lamentations. Kancheli's tribute to his departed friends, the composers Schnittke and Terterian, with the viola mediating between choir and orchestra, symbolizes the River Styx as the means of transition between the kingdom of the dead and the world of the living.



MUSICAL OFFERINGS

ALEX PAUK
conductor

MARIE BÉARD
violin

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011

8:00 pm Concert 7:15 pm Pre-concert talk
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Programme:

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| SOFIA GUBAIDULINA | Offertorium (concerto for violin and orchestra) |
| ALEX PAUK | Cosmos |
| CHRIS PAUL HARMAN | New Work* |
| DENIS GOUGEON | Phénix |

This concert features music deriving inspiration from many sources including Bach's *A Musical Offering*, the cosmic "music of the spheres", and the mythological bird, the Phoenix. We anticipate the moment of revelation when composer Chris Harman shares the inspiration of his brand new piece with us thereby completing this programme of mystery, enlightenment and beauty.

* Esprit Orchestra commission – World Premiere

**"WHEN IT
WAS FINISHED,
I WOULD HAVE BEEN
HAPPY TO HEAR IT
ALL OVER AGAIN."**

Robert Everett-Green, *Globe & Mail*

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Creative Sparks, a mentoring and leadership project in composition and performance, develops artistic skills and appreciation of contemporary culture in young people of varying social backgrounds and levels of artistic ability.

Criss-Cross extends the work of *Creative Sparks* by combining Esprit's composers and musicians with artists from other disciplines to guide young people in creating multi-disciplinary events and works of art.

Coffee Chats and soirées take place throughout the season.

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